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The National Literacy Act of 1991 defines literacy as “an individual’s ability to read, write and speak in English and compute and solve problems at a level of proficiency necessary to function on the job and in society to achieve one’s goals, and develop one’s knowledge and potential.”

According to the non-profit Literacy Network of Greater Los Angeles, an organization that links volunteers and learning resources with literacy program sites in Southern California, 53% of the County’s adults, some 3.8 million individuals, are functioning at the lowest levels of literacy. Fewer than one in five of the County’s schoolchildren tested “proficient” in language arts skills in the 2004-2005 school year.

Discouraging as these findings are, we can help by raising public consciousness of the issue and building popular support for the vitally important work of groups like The Literacy Network.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Friday, September 8, 2006 as “Los Angeles Literacy Day” throughout the County of Los Angeles, and urges all residents to support and actively participate in efforts to increase literacy rates throughout our communities.

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